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Utah Conservation Officers Document Another Busy Season

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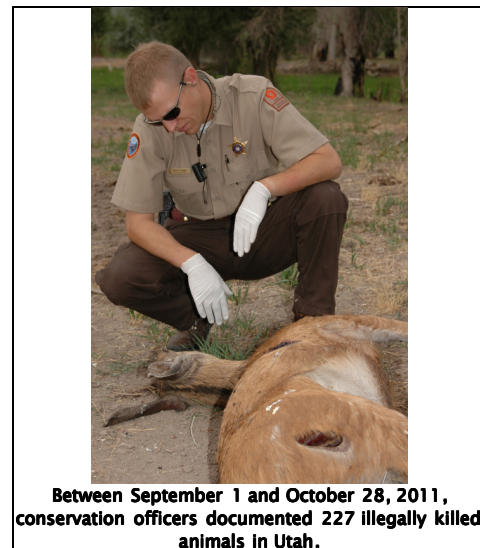
Statewide -

With the 2011 general season hunts underway, conservation officers with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources are hard at work protecting the investment of Utah sportsmen by enforcing state wildlife law.

Utah's 49 district officers cover an average of more than 1,700 square miles, meaning that they are hard-pressed to keep up with calls for service and are always looking to the public for assistance.

For the time period of September 1 through October 28, 2011, Utah conservation officers and supervisory staff have:

- Logged 26,513 hours in service.
- Contacted 40,651 individuals.
- Checked 19,669 hunting/fishing licenses.
- Confirmed the illegal killing of 227 game animals/fish with an aggregate value of over \$261,925.
- Documented 1,495 violations, issued 1,023 citations and conducted 168 additional investigations.



Between September 1 and October 28, 2011, conservation officers documented 227 illegally killed animals in Utah.

"The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources is one of the smallest agencies, per capita, in the country" says Tony Wood, Captain with the Division of Wildlife. "The level of service provided to Utah sportsmen and the protection afforded their wildlife is due to the small, dedicated cadre of conservation officers that serve our citizenry. They work nights, weekends, holidays, and are responsive to call-outs that occur at a moment's notice. I am continually amazed at the quality of their work and humbled to be counted among them."

Wildlife laws will only be effective with the support of the public. Until poaching is no longer socially acceptable, our wildlife populations will suffer. Wildlife enthusiasts are implored to do their part in protecting Utah's wildlife. If you have information regarding a wildlife crime, contact the UTiP Hotline at 800-662-3337.

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